

IFW

PATENT
ATTY. DKT. NO. 135082

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Murphy et al.

Serial No.: 10/821,336

Filed: April 9, 2004

For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR
AUTOMATED TUBE COMPONENT
INSPECTIONS

:
: Art Unit: 2856
:
: Examiner: Not Assigned
:
:
:
:
:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the
United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 7, 2005.

Michael Tersillo, Reg. No. 42,180

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following are submitted in the above application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98.

- ☒ 1. A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 or Substitute together with copies of each identified document and a translation thereof or a concise explanation of each non-English language document or a Search Report or communication from a non-US patent office or an International Search Report from an International Searching Authority for a patent application filed via the Patent Cooperation Treaty or document(s) cited in the application or the priority application.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☒ 2. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within three months of national, non-CPA filing, prior to first Office Action, on the merits, or prior to first office action after filing an RCE]

- ☐ 3. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action, Allowance, or other action closing prosecution, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ a. The required Certification made in item 5 below; or
- ☐ b. The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 6 below.
- ☐ 4. 37 CFR 1.97(d): [on or before issue fee payment]; and
- ☐ a. The required Certification is stated in item 5 below; and
- ☐ b. The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 6 below.
- ☐ 5. Certification
- ☐ a. Each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; or
- ☐ b. No item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this Statement.
- ☒ 6. Payment of all applicable fees:
- ☒ Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
- ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement.

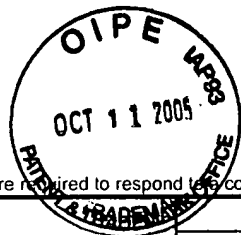
This document is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Tersillo, Reg. No. 42,180
Armstrong Teasdale LLP
One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 621-5070

Please Type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Complete if Known

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

| | | | | | |
|-------|---|----|---|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Application Number | |
| | | | | Filing Date | April 9, 2004 |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Thomas Francis Murphy et al. |
| | | | | Group Art Unit | 2856 |
| | | | | Examiner Name | |
| | | | | Attorney Docket Number | 135082 (17851-88) |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent Document | | Name of Patentee or Applicant Of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | AA | 4,290,309 | | Charlebois et al. | 09/22/1981 | |
| | AB | 5,606,262 | | Montalbano et al. | 02/25/1997 | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|
| | | Office ³ | Number ⁴ | Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | FA | | GB1554721 A | | Sonicaid Limited | 31/10/1979 | | |
| | FB | | GB2195022 A | | United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority | 09/08/1986 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

OTHER PRIOR ART - - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the items (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), data, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| | OA | International Search Report, dated 12 August 2005, Application No. GB0505390.5, 3 pgs. | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Examiner Signature | Date Considered: |
|--------------------|------------------|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See Attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WSIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.